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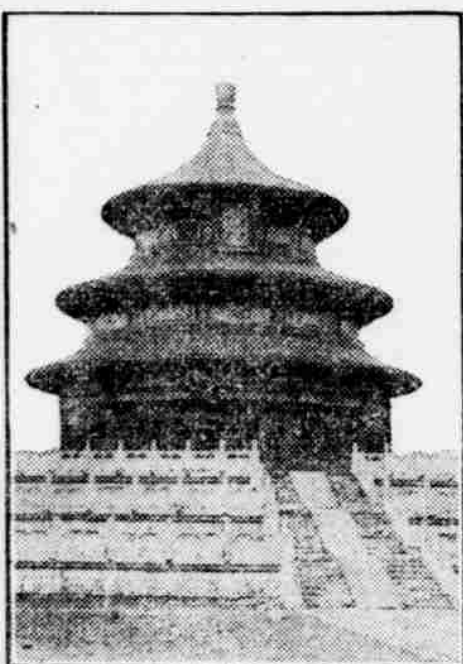
Remarkable Chinese Holy Shrine
in Peking.

For Imperial Worship Only, and Ceremonies Never Witnessed by Foreigners—Customs of Centuries Observed.

Peking, China.—The Temple of Heaven is the most sacred as well as the most beautiful of all Chinese religious edifices. It is used only for imperial worship, and no foreigner has yet seen the stately and elaborate ceremonies that take place here on fixed dates every year. The buildings of which it consists are situated in a large walled in park in the southeast section of the Chinese city of Peking. A broad, stone paved road leads to the temple from the Chinamen, the largest gate of the Tartar city. This gate is exactly in front of the main entrance to the imperial palace. The massive doors at its central entrance are thrown open only when the emperor leaves his palace to visit the Temple of Heaven or the Temple of Agriculture.

The park in which the Temple of Heaven lies is almost square in shape and is surrounded by a stout wall, nearly four miles long. Inside it is divided into sections by other walls and the visitor is bewildered by the number of gates through which he passes when being shown round the sacred buildings. At each he has to pay a small sum to the gatekeepers, who rely upon these tips as their main source of income. Some of the inclosures contain majestic buildings; others encircle the grazing grounds of the sacred animals, reared for immolation upon the temple altars.

The striking edifice, which is generally known as the Temple of Heaven, but is called by the Chinese the Temple of Prayer for the Year, to which the emperor repairs each spring to make offerings and pray for an auspicious year for his people, is a land-



The Temple of Heaven.

mark for miles round. Its triple roof of deep blue, gold flecked tiles, surmounted by a massive gilt sphere, can be seen from the railway some time before Peking is reached.

It is comparatively a new building, having been erected since 1889, when the old temple, of which this is an exact copy, was destroyed by fire. It stands on a triple marble terrace, having a stairway at each of the four points of the compass. When the emperor comes here to worship, the tablets of his ancestors, which are usually kept in an adjoining building, are placed round the single lofty chamber of which the temple consists. A long marble paved terrace leads southward from the Temple of Heaven past a smaller building of similar design, known as the Temple of the Universe, to the inclosure containing the altar of heaven.

It may be doubted whether any structure in the world excels this for grandeur and beauty. The marble paved courtyard that surrounds it, like all the terraces in the park, is ill kept and overgrown with weeds, and even the altar terraces themselves are spattered with shrubs and grasses. But nothing can detract from the majestic simplicity of the altar.

It is on the main altar, kneeling on the circular slab of marble that marks its center that the emperor at each winter solstice, officiating as the high priest of his people (by whom he is known as the "son of heaven"), worships heaven and his ancestors at dawn.

The previous night is spent in meditation and fasting in the Hall of Abstinence, a fitting preparation for the solemn rites that are to follow. Nearly two hours before dawn the emperor is called and arrayed in ceremonial raiment, after which he makes his way to the altar in a sedan chair, and kneeling on the center stone of the topmost terrace, burns incense to heaven, and renders an account of the important events of the year. Burnt offerings of animals are made on an altar of green porcelain to the southeast of the main altar. In bronze braziers ranged round the court the death sentences and offerings of silk and jade are committed to the flames. Groves of cypress trees surround the altar inclosure, except to the north, where a series of triple gates marks the way to the Temple of the Universe, while in the distance beyond, the roofs of the Temple of Heaven can be seen.

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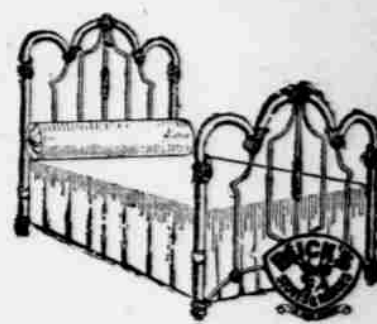
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STOCK, CROP AND FARM NOTES

—Over 2,000 acres of land were signed in Montgomery county Monday at the tobacco meeting addressed by President LeBus and C. H. Berryman. A large crowd attended the meeting and much interest was manifested.

Harry Howell and Crawford Mason were appointed county solicitors, and will make a house to house canvass for signers. The first loose sale will be held there on Saturday, and tobacco is being received and made ready.

President LeBus informed the growers that if they made the loose leaf house a success he would install a large regrading plant in Mt. Sterling.

The poolers in Montgomery county feel more encouraged over the ten-year plan than of any plan for years, and believe they will sign up at least 5,000 acres.

—Before leaving Washington for Kentucky Monday night Representative J. C. Cantrill had an important conference with Senator Bradley about the bill providing for a semi-annual census of unmanufactured leaf tobacco in the hands of manufacturers and dealers. This bill, introduced by Mr. Cantrill, has passed the House and is now on the verge of being reported by the Senate Census Committee.

The Kentuckians decided that pressure is to be at once exerted for a favorable report, which will probably be forthcoming, and agreed also to permit no substantial changes in the bill. An amendment on behalf of Pennsylvania cigar dealers raising the exemption from dealers manufacturing 250,000 cigars annually to those turning 50,000 pounds of cigars annually, was considered for a time, but will be agreed to either by Senator Bradley or Mr. Cantrill. Another proposed exemption on tobacco already contracted for was decided against at the conference.

Senator Bradley said that he hopes

to have the bill passed within a few weeks. It was with this expectation confidentially in mind that Mr. Cantrill left to plunge into his campaign for renomination.

—Harris & Speakes conducted a public sale of stock and farming implements Tuesday for Mr. J. B. Wood near Hutchison. A good crowd was in attendance and the live stock brought satisfactory prices, horses selling from \$100 to \$187.50. One pair of horses brought \$365, and another pair \$300. Miles went for \$165 to \$220 per head; cows \$40 to \$57.50 per head; brood sows, \$10 to \$16, and sheep \$5 to \$6.50. The farming implements brought only moderate prices.

—MT. STERLING COURT.—The Gazette reports the Mt. Sterling court as follows: "About 2,000 cattle on the market. The quality, with a few exceptions, was common. Trade was fairly brisk and prices were good."

"The best 1,000 pound steers brought \$5.75, but that price was for steers in good flesh. \$5.25 was the price for bulk of sales. Yearlings at 5 to 5 1/4 cents. Heifers at to 4 1/2 cents. Cows at 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents according to flesh. Good sized crowd at the pens and a great many cattle sold during the day."

—GEORGETOWN COURT.—The Times reports Georgetown court as follows: "There was a large crowd in town Monday but not a great deal of business done. Auctioneer B. B. Peck made the following sales: For Morris Weil to Lee Hiles 10 steers at \$26 per head; for James Sutton to R. H. Wolfe 3 heifers for \$26.75 per head; for Morris Weil to John Crenshaw 15 cattle at \$21.35 per head; for same to Lee Hiles, 13 cattle at \$22 per head; for H. H. Collins 3 calves at \$20 each; for Oscar Cook 3 calves at \$25.05 each. One hundred cattle belonging to Jas Thompson, of Wayne county, were unsold. For Blackford & Casity the imported

German coach stallion, "Bobby" to J. B. Tucker, of Stamping Ground, for \$350. A number of mules on the market and they sold well. C. S. Williams, of Versailles, bought two pair at \$400 a pair. Chas. K. Thompson, of Lexington, bought several pairs, one pair at \$480."

—Dogs have been playing havoc with sheep in Nicholas county, the flocks of C. L. Linville and Michael O'Connell were attacked and much damage resulted.

—Wm. Meteer, of near Hutchison, bought 50 barrels of corn in the crib from a neighbor, the past week at \$4 per barrel. Another sale of 75 barrels was made in the same neighborhood, at \$4 per barrel.

—At Mt. Sterling Monday, Thomas McClintock, of Millersburg, bought 15 head of mules at prices ranging from \$150 to \$225 per head. He also bought two pairs of mules at \$235 and \$300 per pair.

Indian Killed on Track.

Near Rochelle, Ill., an Indian went to sleep on a railroad track and was killed by the fast express. He paid for his carelessness with his life. Often its that way when people neglect coughs and colds. Dr. King's New Discovery will cure them and so prevent a dangerous throat or lung trouble. "It completely cured me in a short time of a terrible cough that followed a severe attack of grip," writes J. R. Watts, Floydada, Tex. "and I regained 15 pounds in weight that I had lost." Quick, safe reliable and guaranteed. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at Oberdorfer's.

Writer's Mean Remark.

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